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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PFOR, VS, CH

SUBJECT: PARACELS: PRESS RUMORS THAT US MILITARY ASSISTANCE

DENIED GVN

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BAC IS PLANNING PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 26 FOR PURPOSE OF PLACING ON THE PUBLIC RECORD GVN'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND CEASEFIRE DURING ITS FIRST YEAR. BAC EXPECTS THAT IN QUESTION PERIOD PARACELS CLASH WILL BE MAJOR TOPIC. HE HAS TOLD US THAT HE PLANS TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LAY TO REST RUMORS IN PRESS THAT GVN HAD ASKED FOR US MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN PARACELS AND BEEN DENIED.

2. BAC PROPOSES TO TAKE FOLLOWING LINE TO PRESS: GVN NEVER SOUGHT MILITARY CONFRONTATION WITH THE CHINESE IN PARACELS; FIGHTING RESULTED FROM GVN'S NEED TO DEFEND ITS FORCES UNDER ATTACK; GVN IS SEEKING TO SOLVE DISPUTE ONLY BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND HAS NEVER SOUGHT US MILITARY INTERVENTION.

3. WE NOTE THAT WHAT BAC PROPOSES TO SAY IS FULLY IN ACCORD WITH RECENT STATEMENTS MADE BY BOTH DOD AND STATE SPOKESMEN AND TRUST THAT DEPARTMENT WILL ENSURE THAT NOTHING IS SAID PUBLICLY ON SUBJECT WHICH CONTRADICTS BAC'S PROPOSED PUBLIC POSITION.

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